

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JANUARY 6, 1954

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, January 6, 1954; Councilmen Hillman, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey (Mayor) present; none absent.

Minutes of the previous meetings, December 16, 1953 and December 23, 1953, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

PETITION The City Manager presented a petition requesting the
SOUTH LEE AVE. installation of street lights on South Lee Avenue
STREET LIGHTS from Lodi Avenue to Kettleman Lane and the costs of
 such installation to be defrayed by special assessments. The petition contained 94 signatures. The petition was referred to the City Clerk for verification of the signatures.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HANDEL This being the time and place set by the Superintendent of Streets for the hearing of protests which
CURB & may be realised by the property owner liable to be
GUTTER assessed for the construction of curb and gutter on
RES.#1799 Lot 3, Block 7, of the Moran-Handel Tract, except the
 west 40 feet thereof, or other interested persons,
 Mayor Richey called for the hearing of such protests.
 There being no protests or objections offered the
 Council adopted Resolution No. 1779, confirming the
 report of the Superintendent of Streets as submitted.

CENTURY MANOR This being the time and place set for the hearing
ANNEXATION of protests to the annexation of the Century Manor
 Addition by Resolution No. 1779, Mayor Richey called
 for the hearing of such protests. There being no
ORD. NO.505 protests or objections forthcoming, the Council voted
INTRODUCED to introduce Ordinance No. 505, entitled "Approving
 the Annexation of the Century Manor Addition to the
 City of Lodi and Declaring that the Same is Annexed
 to and Made Part of the City of Lodi", on the motion
 of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second.

S. PLEASANT This being the time and place set in Resolution
AVE. STREET No. 1782 for the hearing of protests to the forma-
LIGHTING DIST. tion of the South Pleasant Avenue Street Lighting
 District, Mayor Richey called for such protests.
 City Clerk Graves submitted a written protest from
 St. Paul's American Lutheran Church stating that
 the church was not in a financial position to pay
 the assessment. Mr. Graves reported that the church
 owned 240 feet of the total 9,684.95 foot frontage
 in the proposed district. Mr. Fred Walther addressed
 the Council on behalf of St. Paul's American Lutheran
 Church to state that the church would be unable to
 raise the necessary funds to pay for the street lights,
 and thereby entered an oral protest. Finding that
 protests and objections had been made by the owners
 of less than one-half of the area of the property
 to be assessed for the improvements, the Council
 voted to adopt Resolution No. 1792, overruling the
 protest, on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Hillman
 second. Resolution No. 1793, adopting the scale
 of prevailing wage rates in the matter of the con-
 struction and installation of street lights in the
 South Pleasant Avenue Street Lighting District, was

RES. #1792
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ADOPTED

adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second. Resolution No. 1794, ordering the work in the South Pleasant Avenue Street Lighting District, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Hillman second. Resolution No. 1795, directing the assessment for the South Pleasant Avenue Street Lighting District be prepared and signed by the City Engineer, was then adopted on the motion of Councilman Hillman, Rinn second.

FAIRMONT AVE.
ST. LIGHTING
DISTRICT

RES. #1796
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ADOPTED

This being the time and place set in Resolution No. 1784 for the hearing of protests to the formation of the Fairmont Avenue Street Lighting District, Mayor Richey called for such protests. There being no protests or objections, either oral or written, offered, Resolution No. 1796, adopting the scale of prevailing wage rates, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Robinson second. Resolution No. 1797, ordering the work in the Fairmont Avenue Street Lighting District, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second. Resolution No. 1798, directing the assessment for the above district be prepared and signed by the City Engineer, was then adopted on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Rinn second.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

AWARD
GASOLINE
1954

The City Manager submitted a tabulation of bids received for the furnishing of gasoline to the City for the calendar year 1954, as follows:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Ethyl</u>
Tidewater Associated Oil Co.	\$.222	\$.244
Petroleum Products Co.	.211	.222
Tokay Oil Co.	.21	.23
Seaside Oil Co.	.2189	.2409
Shell Oil Co.	.2195	.2335
Signal Oil Co.	.2145	.2365
Richfield Oil Corp.	.2219	.2439

He explained that Petroleum Products Company had submitted the lowest combined bid, but its bid and the bid of the Tokay Oil Company was subject to change with changes in the commodity prices. The balance of the bids were submitted as firm maximum prices, subject only to increases in the State tax. The lowest firm bid was that of the Signal Oil Company. Mr. W. W. Dawley, Shell Oil Company, explained to the City Council that the price appearing in its bid for regular gasoline was \$.01 higher than the price intended due to clerical error by the Shell Oil Company. He wished the fact pointed out in the record. Councilman Hillman pointed out that the revised bid could not be legally considered. Councilman Rinn pointed out that the City would be protected from an increase in prices under the firm bids, but that the City would receive benefit of a decrease in prices. Councilman Robinson stated that he favored the firm bid. He then moved the adoption of Resolution No. 1789, awarding the gasoline contract for the calendar year 1954 to the Signal Oil Company. The motion carried.

RES. #1789
ADOPTED

AWARD
LIABILITY
AND
AUTO
INSURANCE

Mr. Weller then presented the tabulation of bids received for the City's auto and general liability insurance for 1954. Four bids were received as follows:

Farmers Insurance Group	\$ 9,672.23
Phoenix Indemnity	11,742.55
Travelers Insurance (Kundert)	10,770.26
Travelers Insurance (Reeves)	10,760.26

RES. #1790
ADOPTED

The City Manager recommended the award to Farmers Insurance Group as the lowest and best bid. He pointed out that the City's liability insurance for 1953 had been furnished by the Farmers Insurance Group. On the motion of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1790, awarding the auto and liability insurance contract for 1954 to the Farmers Insurance Group.

SALARY
INCREASE
CLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEES

The City Manager then presented a recommendation for a salary increase for the classified employees of the City. Mr. Weller explained that he had conducted a salary survey among the same cities included in the July, 1953, survey. The survey indicated that the average salaries in the agencies survey had increased since July. Mr. Weller reported that his recommendation called for an increase of approximately 3% for all but five classifications which would be increased approximately 8%. Mr. Weller pointed out that the recommended increase would also return the salaries to the schedule in force prior to the increase of approximately 2% awarded in July. Mr. Weller stated that his recommendations in July had been based upon the actual salaries paid at that time by the surveyed agencies and did not anticipate proposed increases by those agencies. Since July many of the cities as well as local private employers had granted salary increases. Councilman Robinson stated that he was rather reluctant to approve salary increases at this time in view of the fact that the cost of living appeared to be going down; however, he recognized the fact that the salaries of the City employees must be kept in line. Mayor Richey stated that from a housewife's viewpoint the recommended salaries did not appear too high; however, she felt that the department heads should be cautioned to keep the working force at a minimum and assure the public of an hour's work for an hour's pay. Mr. Weller stated that, particularly in the past year, the City has had the best group of employees in its history to his knowledge. Councilman Hillman stated that to the best of his information the cost of living has risen since July, and that he felt the recommended increases were justified. Councilman Rinn stated that he was in accord with the recommendation of the City Manager. He then moved, Robinson second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 506, "An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 495 and Amending Ordinance No. 444, Relating to Compensation of Officers and Employees of the City of Lodi", to be effective January 1, 1954. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ORD. NO. 506
INTRODUCED

SALARY
INCREASE
UNCLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEES

The City Manager then reported that the salaries of the department heads, unclassified employees, had not been revised since January, 1953. He stated that he felt the department heads as a group were underpaid in relation to their counterparts in private employment. However, he stated that we must still recognize that public employment cannot get out of line. He then recommended the salaries of the department heads be approved as follows:

City Engineer	\$584-676
Superintendent of Utilities	505-613
Finance Director	481-584
Supt. of Recreation & Parks	481-584
Chief of Police	481-584
Fire Chief	481-584

The recommended increase represents an equivalent of a one-step increase. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second, the Council voted to approve the scale for unclassified employees as recommended by the City Manager effective January 1, 1954.

CITY CLERK'S
SALARY

Mr. Weller then reminded the City Council that the salary of the City Clerk-Administrative Assistant is generally reviewed in January. On the motion of Councilman Rinn, the City Council voted to increase the salary of the City Clerk-Administrative Assistant to \$475 per month effective January 1, 1954.

CITY
MANAGER'S
SALARY

Councilman Rinn then moved that the salary of the City Manager be increased \$100 per month effective January 1, 1954. Stating that the motion carries out the thoughts of the City Council last year, Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. Councilman Rinn added that the past year has shown that the thoughts of the Council the previous year were right. The Council then approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$100,516.04 were approved on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Hillman second.

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
STADIUM
CONTRACT

Councilman Robinson, noting the payment to the Chamber of Commerce for the College of Pacific football game, stated that he was aware that some Chamber members who had invested in the stadium seating expansion were not entirely satisfied with the provisions in the contract with the City for repayment of the costs of such seating. He asked if the contract should be reviewed. Councilman Rinn stated that it should be understood this is the way they can get their money back. He pointed out that the City Council was reluctant to increase the seating capacity of the stadium, and had agreed to the contract with the Chamber of Commerce only at the insistence of the Chamber. It was suggested that the repayment might be speeded by including in the repayment the head tax realized from activities promoted by the Chamber of Commerce besides football games. Councilman Rinn agreed that anything promoted by the Chamber would be agreeable to him.

JOINT
MEETING
RECREATION
COMMISSION

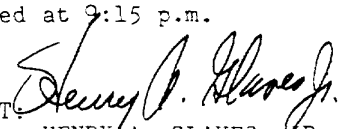
Mr. Weller asked if the City Council would like a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission for the purpose of discussing the priority list of the Recreation Department and the financial position of the City with relation to other projects. It was agreed that such a meeting was desirable, and Mr. Weller was asked to contact Mr. Van Buskirk with the view of setting a meeting date.

EHRHARDT ADD.
WITHDRAWN FROM
W.R.F.P.D.
RES. #1791
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 1791, providing for the withdrawal of the Ehrhardt Addition from the Woodbridge Rural Fire Protection District, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk